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Re: Philip Morris and Co. Ltd., Inc.
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U. S. Serial No. 383,122
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Dear Mr. Leahy:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the first action which has now issued on this case, from which you will note, the examiner has cited one British patent and one U. S. patent, copies of which are also enclosed herewith.

The references do disclose filters for tobacco which contain a polyhydric alcohol. However, they do not disclose the feature that the filter should contain at least 5% by weight of the alcohol and therefore, we propose to argue for claim 1 substantially in its present form with the following exception. We do suggest amending claim 1 to state that the filter is "for tobacco smoke".

Please let us have your comments on paragraph 4 of the action.

The examiner's objection to claims 17 and 18 would appear to us to be well-taken and therefore, we believe these claims should be cancelled from this application.

A reply to this action must be filed by October 1, 1955 and we would appreciate your instructions well in advance of that date.

Please return the references to us after the same have served your purpose.

Very truly yours,
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